Supply of Fertilizers to Small and Marginal Farmers

@@@@3257-D. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some amount was allotted to Andhra Pradesh during 1991 to supply fertiliser to small and marginal farmers at pre hike prices;

(b) if so, the amount so allocated;

(c) the manner in which it was spent and the guidelines for spending the amount; and

(d) if the amount has not been spent so far, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 69.275 crore was allocated.

(c) and (d) The State Government was allowed flexibility in devising suitable scheme for disbursement of funds. Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported implementation of the scheme through the co-operative credit channel and utilisation of the funds allotted to them.

Fertilizer Units in Madhya Pradesh

S3257-E. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of fertilizer outlets functioning at present in Madhya Pradesh with district-wise details;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the fertiliser outlets are located in the urban areas of the State;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to open fertilizer outlets in the rural areas of the State as well; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Chemical Fertilizers to the Marginal Farmers

$$3257-F. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to the effect that marginal farmers are unable to buy chemical fertilizers at the current prices which has resulted into the considerable piling of chemical fertilizers in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to provide chemical fertilizers at reasonable prices to the poor farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) No specific study has been conducted in this regard.

(c) The Government of India approved a provision of Rs. 340 crores for release to State/UTs for concessional sale of DAP, MOP and Complexes to all farmers including small and marginal farmers, during Rabi 1992-93. In addition, a sum of Rs. 500 crores was approved for the benefit of small and marginal farmers for providing basic infrastructural facilities to them.

Power Supply to Indian Aluminium Company Limited, Belaum

$$$3257-G. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Aluminium Company Limited is contemplating the closure of its smelter at Belgaum due to non-availability/high cost of power;

@@@@ Previously Unstarred Question 2917 transferred from 18th March. 1983.

$ Previously Unstarred Question 2923 transferred from 18th March, 1993.

SSPreviously Unstarred Question 2938, transferred from 18th March, 1993.

$$$ Previously Unstarred Question 2991 transferred from 18th March, 1991.